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HAVANA (AP)—Premier Fidel Castro's housing program was bolstered Saturday with a decree forcing owners of vacant urban lots to sell them or build on them. The revolutionary government will fix the sale price.

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Residential Development May Be Planned in Detail

Higgledy-Piggledy System to End?

Master Plan Possible

Future residential development in the Victoria region will proceed in accordance with detailed plans if the municipalities approve the recently published master plan of the Capital Region Planning Board.

To improve the layout and quality of residential areas, the master plan calls for detailed "area" plans for each new phase of residential growth.

BY PHASES

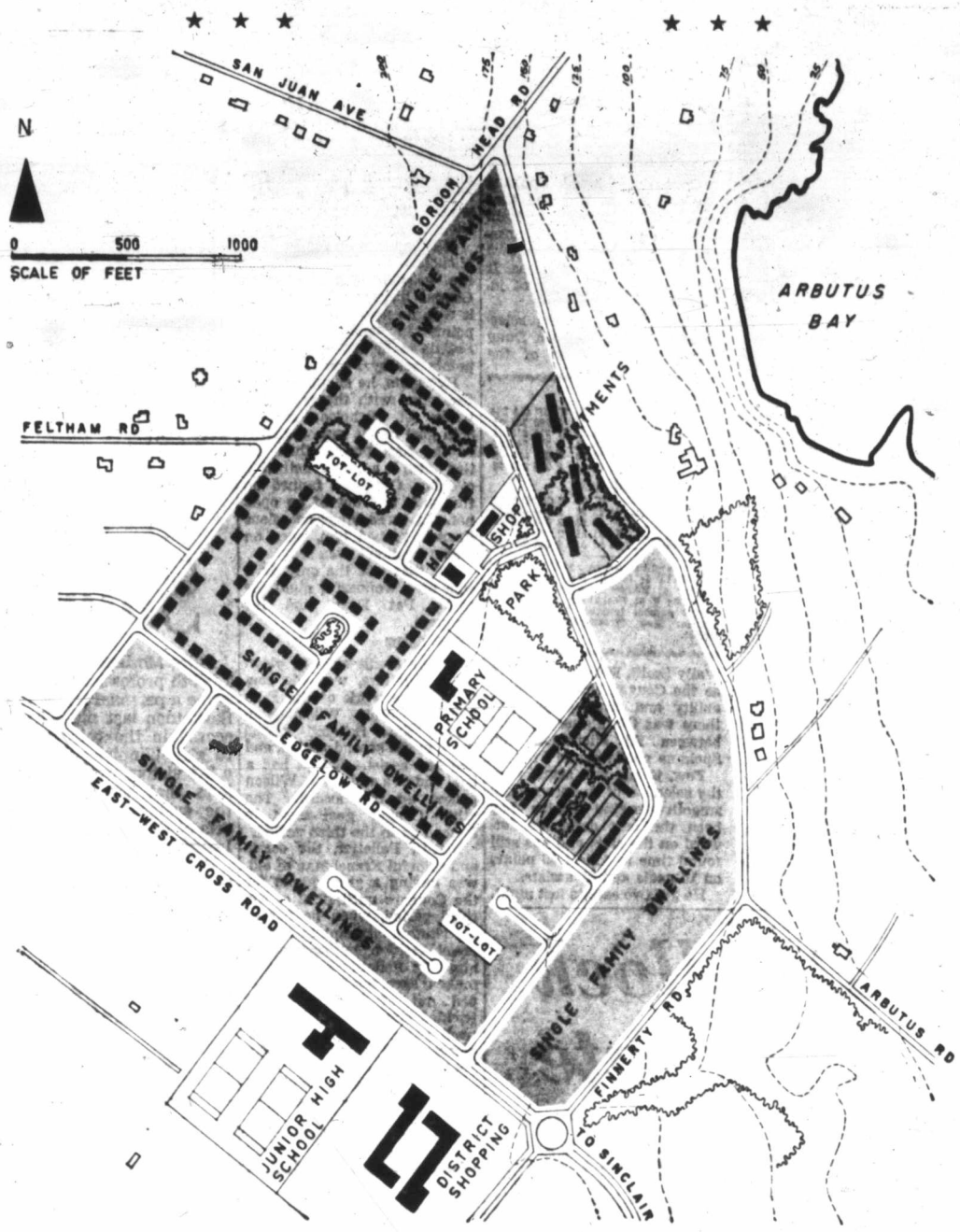
"Compact, well-served, residential development completed by phases will make it possible to achieve a more satisfactory residential layout than has hitherto occurred," the plan says.

"Up to now there has been widespread land subdivision without any regard to the overall community pattern, but a satisfactory residential area is more than a haphazard collection of houses, roads, schools, parks, stores, churches and other uses . . .

NEXT STEP

"The framework for the residential area plans is the integrated regional proposal for main roads, schools, major parks and district shopping centres.

"As the next step toward more orderly development, the residential area plans should consider the layout of local streets to prevent through traffic, the arrangement of subdivisions to avoid land waste and to keep servicing costs at a minimum, the location of neighborhood facilities such as parks, tot lots, and smaller groups of stores."



This May Be Shape of Things to Come

This is the sort of detailed residential area plan called for in master plan for future development of Victoria region, published by Capital Region Planning Board. Self-contained area includes shopping centre, high school, primary school, park, community hall, apartments, row houses, and safe tot lots. Road plan would discourage through traffic. Example shown is plan for area between Gordon Head and Finnerty Roads, just north of Gordon Head army camp lands, which board proposes should be university campus.

Exhibition Home Full of New Ideas

One of the biggest attractions of the 1959 National Home Show, to be held at Toronto, April 3-11, will be the model home designed by Paul Meschino for the Brick and Tile Institute of Ontario.

It is a home bristling with new ideas in layout and in the use of ceramic materials.

A great deal of attention has been paid to the front door. It is recessed at the centre of the home, and the roof above the porch has a series of rectangular skylights. It is a double door and has been covered by charcoal-colored vinyl plastic, inset with bronze strips, which extend to the roof line. The doors are flanked by a combination of windows and ceramic tile panels, also extending to the roof. The effect is majestic and impressive.

A door at the rear of the garage leads into a covered area, and from there into what is now fashionably called the "mud room." This is a tiled area containing a two-piece toilet, washer and dryer, two tubs, and a clothes closet. Two doors lead from the mud room. One to the kitchen, the other to the family room. This eliminates the normal trek through the kitchen to the living room.

The kitchen is situated along the front of the home, with a full width window, enabling the housewife to see who is coming to the front door. A counter runs the full length of the kitchen, flush to the bottom of the window.

A family room, accessible from mud room and kitchen, has a fireplace, recessed space for a swivel mounted TV set, and one window wall. Privacy from the kitchen is provided by hanging cupboards above a serving counter.

The family room, intended as a dining and get-together room, is divided from the living room by louvred doors, and the living room is divided from the front door by a free standing arc-shaped fireplace of standard brick.

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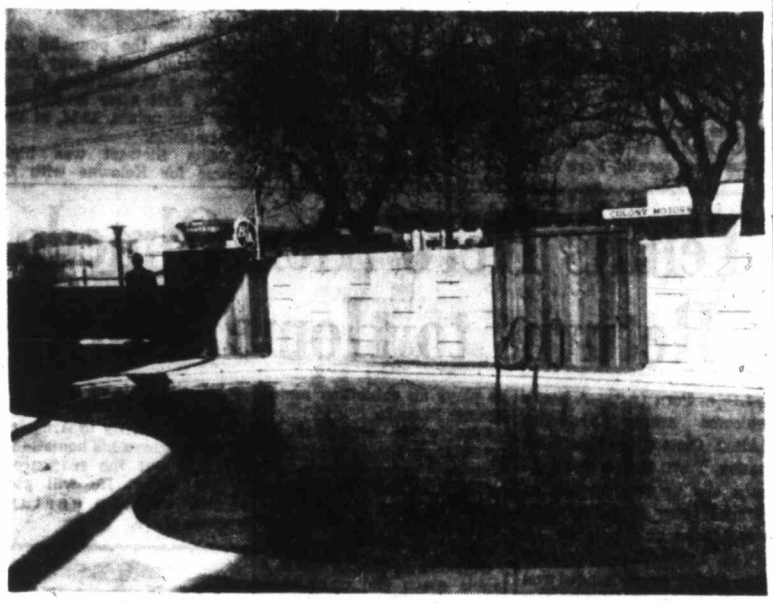

City Woman Wins $275 In Sweep

Miss Helen Clare Clendenning, 975A Fairfield, yesterday learned she won £100 (about $275) when her ticket was drawn in the Irish Hospitals Sweepstake. Miss Clendenning was one of 2,500 winners of the drawing for £100 prizes.

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EARLY NAVIGATORS

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